BOND INSANE

John C. Bond, late auditor of the State of West Virginia, was declared insane by a jury in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, last Saturday. Bond was on trial for the misappropriation of funds while Auditor. The plea of insanity was offered. The jury found him insane now, but they found that he was not insane at the time he was charged with spending the State's money for his own benefit

Last October Governor Gore removed Bond from office, and appointed Secretary of State Geo W. Sharp to act as auditor. The State Senate prepared to try Bond on impeachment proceedings and he resigned. The Judge of the Circuit Court of Kanawha county committed Bond to the State hospital for the insane at Huntington.

WM. H. OVERHOLT, DEAD

On Monday, a telegram was re

Greenbrier Independent.

THURSDAY, JAN. 10TH, 1901.

LOCAL MATTERS.

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Act of a Lunatic.

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He armed himself with a 32 calibre Winchester rifle and went in the direction of Hill's Creek. When he reached the top of Droop Mountain he turned and walked along the crest of the mountain to Jim Phillips' home. He lived on the McClure place on the Marlinton and Lewisburg Turnpike. Arriving there he asked for Phillips and was told that he was hauling fodder. Beard went in search of him but missed seeing him. Coming back he called Phillips out of the house. Phillips' wife and daughter cautioned him that Beard was looking wild, and put a revolver in his pocket. When he came up to Beard the latter asked him to walk up the road with him a little way as he had something to tell him. Phillips must have seen that something was wrong, and refused and tried to get Beard to

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After the shooting Beard went home, ate his supper and went to bed as if nothing had happened. He was taken while asleep, and seemed to have no recollection of the occurrence. He said he had not seen Phillips for two weeks. He was brought to jail by special officers C. P. Dunlap and Henry Payne.

The insane man is a son of W. W. Beard, one of the leading men of the county, who has a fine plantation at the foot of Droop mountain in the Levels. The slain man had been a tenant of his but some time since had moved. He was about 50 years of age. The killing was witnessed by Phillips' wife and daughter.

The prisoner was adjudged a lunatic by Justice Curry under the ordinary proceedings. He is about 30 years of age.—*Pocahontas Times.*

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